Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court appoints supervisor for 36th District Court in Detroit

"The Michigan Supreme Court on Tuesday appointed a special judicial administrator to supervise the troubled 36th District Court. The high court's unanimous order appointing Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Talbot comes in the wake of a scathing report last week, commissioned by the State Court Administrator's Office, which outlined major budgetary and systemic problems at the district court."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Legal News: Talbot to serve as special administrator of 36th District Court

Full story

MLive.com: State judge headed for Detroit to sort out 36th District Court's \$4.5 million financial crisis

Full story

SBM Blog: Court Of Appeals Judge Michael Talbot Named As Special Judicial Administrator of 36th District Court

Full story

Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Talbot appointed to serve as special administrator of Detroit's 36th District Court; aims to address court's financial crisis

Press release

The Detroit News: Charges reinstated against Detroit mom who fought over child's meds

"The state Court of Appeals reinstated charges Tuesday against a mother who held police at bay for nearly 10 hours and claimed she was protecting her 13-year-old daughter from unnecessary medication. A three-judge panel sent the case of Maryann Godboldo back to Wayne County, concluding a lower court judge was wrong to suppress evidence gathered by investigators."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Charges reinstated against Detroit mom in 2011 police standoff over daughter

Full story

MLive.com: Detroit mother who fought state-ordered drugging of daughter to face charges

Full story

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Charges revived against Detroit mom in standoff *Full story*

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Charges reinstated against Maryann Godboldo, mom involved in police standoff over care of daughter

Full story

The Detroit News: Judge in Aiyana death case bans media access to jury selection

"In a highly controversial move, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge has denied media access to the jury selection process in the shooting death of a 7-year-old Detroit girl. Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway of the Third Judicial Circuit Court banned all media from jury selection in the trial of Detroit police officer Joseph Weekley in the May 2010 death of 7-year-old Aiyana Stanley-Jones."

Full story

The Detroit News: Ex-Supreme Court justice Hathaway gets year in jail for fraud

"Ex-justice Diane Hathaway on Tuesday became the first member of the Michigan Supreme Court ever to be sentenced to prison, capping the biggest scandal involving the state's highest court in nearly four decades."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: 'Ashamed' ex-Michigan Justice Hathaway gets prison in fraud scheme

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Brian Dickerson: A predictable end to Diane Hathaway's spectacular fall from grace

Full story

Battle Creek Enquirer: Disgraced ex-Michigan judge Diane Hathaway sentenced to 1 year in prison

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron. Detroit Legal News: Disgraced ex-justice gets prison; Hathaway to serve 1 year and a day

Full story

The Macomb Daily: Hathaway's fall from grace tragic, attorney says Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

Michigan Lawyers Weekly: Ex-Michigan Supreme Court justice sentenced to one year, one day

Full story

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Diane Hathaway sentenced to one year and a day in prison

Full story

MLive.com: Former high court judge argues she's already been punished enough, but gets prison time for bank fraud

Full story

MLive.com: FBI praises prison sentence for Diane Hathaway, former judge convicted of bank fraud

Full story

SBM Blog: Former MSC Justice Diane Hathaway Sentenced to One Year in Prison

Full story

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Ex-Mich. Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway given prison sentence

Full story

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Ex-Michigan justice Hathaway gets 1 year, 1 day in prison for bank fraud

Full story

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Former Michigan Supreme Court justice Diane Hathaway sentenced to prison for bank fraud

Full story

Detroit Free Press: State official disputes McCree's claims about workload, judicial record

"The Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission apparently took issue with a statement Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree made while testifying about his job during his misconduct trial and called a witness to the stand today."

Full story

Also see:

The Detroit News: Embattled Wayne County Judge McCree returns to stand in disciplinary hearing

Full story

MLive.com: Hypomania blamed for Detroit Judge Wade McCree's questionable behavior

Full story

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Watch it Live: Testimony continues in Wade McCree hearing

Full story

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Judge Wade McCree's court battle wages on

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Judge Wade McCree misconduct trial continues before Judicial Tenure Commission

Full story

Ann Arbor.com: New \$150K public art installation inside Ann Arbor's Justice Center complete

"A new hanging sculpture can be found inside the lobby of Ann Arbor's Justice Center after Portland-based artist Ed Carpenter completed the installation during the holiday weekend.... Citizens heading into the city's police-courts facility on Tuesday morning already were giving the \$150,000 installation their own personal reviews."

Full story

Bay City Times: Christina Bermejo receives the 2013 Craig D Alston award

"Probate Judge Karen A. Tighe gives Christina Bermejo the Craig D. Alston award at the Bay County Court Facility in Bay City on Wednesday, May 29. Bermejo graduated from Family Drug Court and went on to become a Peer Mentor with Bay Psychological Associates."

Full story

Bay City Times: Bay County girl draws book of courtroom experience to overcome sexual-assault ordeal

"A 7-year-old Bay County girl tapped her creativity to come up with an illustrated book involving a difficult subject matter: her courtroom experience as a sexual-abuse victim. With hand-drawn images and a

simple narrative, the girl describes what happened in a Bay County courtroom during the prosecution of a 42-year-old Bay City man charged with sexually assaulting her and her older sister."

Full story

Detroit Legal News: Video tells story of veterans' courts, veterans' triumphs

"Veterans' struggles with substance abuse and emotional trauma end in victory in 'Help for Heroes,' the newest episode in Court Stories, the Michigan Supreme Court's online video series. 'Help for Heroes' features interviews with veterans who completed the 17th District Court's 'Veterans Court' program in Redford. 17th District Court Chief Judge Karen Khalil said she started the program after seeing offenders come before her who were veterans or on leave from military service."

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Also see:

"Help for Heroes" video tells story of veterans' courts, veterans' triumphs

Press release

Hometown Life Newspapers: On board

"Gov. Rick Snyder has reappointed Diane D'Agostini, of Bloomfield Hills, to the Michigan Judges Retirement System Board. Housed within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget's Office of Retirement Services, the five-member board oversees the Judges Retirement System Defined Benefit plan."

Full story

Hometown Life Newspapers: 'Day of Peace' pushes for solutions

"... Kelly Ramsey, referee of the Michigan Third Judicial Circuit Court's Family Division-Juvenile Section and a Livonia resident, is an active volunteer with United Communities of America.... Wayne County Circuit Judge Connie Kelley, a Redford resident and a United Communities of America sponsor, said that the event provides a simple message for people in all communities."

Full story

Hometown Life Newspapers: House bill would create father registry

"... House Bill 4659, sponsored by State Rep. Robert L. Kosowski, D-Westland, creates a registry for putative fathers to indicate interest in receiving notification from the court regarding legal proceedings about the child and requires courts search the registry when seeking to terminate parental rights or proceed with an adoption."

Full story

Lansing State Journal: Disbarred attorney Mark Canady pleads guilty to embezzlement

"Disbarred local attorney Mark Canady pleaded guilty today to embezzlement between \$20,000 and \$50,000. Canady, a former Lansing Community College trustee and Lansing city councilman, was accused of stealing \$45,000 from the account of a young boy whose estate he was handling. The boy's father died in a vehicle crash."

Full story

Macomb County Legal News: Lunching with the judges

"The Macomb County Bar Association continued its Brown Bag luncheon series with a stop recently at 41B District Court in Clinton Township. Members of the bench are Chief Judge Sebastian Lucido and Judges Linda Davis and Carrie Fuca."

Full story

The Macomb Daily: Drug court graduates earn second chances

"Few high school or college graduates will be more proud this spring than the eight young men and women who 'graduated' Tuesday in a simple ceremony at 41B District Court. With family, friends and supporters attending, the eight were honored for completing the court's drug program, an initiative that enables drug and alcohol offenders a chance to avoid jail in favor of treatment for their addictions." *Full story*

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

The MiLW Blog: The heat is on at sixth annual judges vs. attorney cookoff

"Over the past five years every June, the Michigan legal profession has been treated to one of the most anticipated tournaments, where judges and attorneys get to compete with one another over a hot flame. No, it's not wrestling on hot coals. It's the Bench Bar Culinary Challenge, which has jurists and lawyers donning the aprons in a live grilling cookoff for charity."

Full story

The MiLW Blog: Nominations open for MiLW's Women in the Law 2013

"On September 26, 2013, Michigan Lawyers Weekly will host our fourth annual luncheon and awards celebrating Women in the Law, individuals who have made meaningful and inspiring contributions to the legal community. The luncheon will be held at the Detroit Marriott, in Troy."

Full story

Oakland County Legal News: Committee hosts annual 'Meet the Judges Party'

"The council and members of the Oakland County Bar Association's (OCBA) New Lawyers Committee (NLC) hosted its Spring 2013 Meet the Judges Party on Thursday, May 16, at the Birmingham Athletic Club."

Full story

Saginaw News: Woman who brought loaded handgun into Saginaw County courthouse waives hearing, bound over

"The Saginaw woman who brought a loaded .40-caliber semi-automatic handgun into the Saginaw County Governmental Center is headed to Circuit Court for trial. Sherenia E. Parks, 45, appeared before Saginaw County District Judge A.T. Frank on Tuesday, May 28, and waived her right to a preliminary hearing, leading Frank to bind the case over to Circuit Court."

Full story

SBM Blog: Another Michigan Habeas Case Decided By U.S. Supreme Court

"The argument of the State of Michigan in the habeas case Metrish v. Lancaster prevailed in a 9-0 opinion authored by Justice Ginsburg last week. Today, the Court delivered a more ambiguous result in another Michigan habeas case, McQuiggin v. Perkins, also authored by Justice Ginsburg."

Full story